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1. SUMMARY: AUGUST 7 CHARGE GAVE MEA SCHEDULE OF AND MOVE
AND CONFIRMED MISSION WILL BE PREPARED TO OCCUPY OKOTIE-EBOH
AS SOON AS PHONES AND POWER ARE IN. MEA OFFICIAL WAS VERY
PLEASED AND SEEMED IN TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH MISSION PLANS.
CHARGE PROPOSES SHOW DEPUTY PERMSEC DOVE-EDWIN DRAFT NOTE ON
RENT-FREE OCCUPANCY AUGUST 8 OR 9. END SUMMARY.

2. PHONES STILL BEING OUT, CHARGE VISITED MEA WITHOUT
APPOINTMENT AUGUST 7. DEPUTY PERMSEC DOVE-EDWIN WAS AWAY
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IN MEETING, BUT DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL MGBOKWERE WAS IN.

CHARGE CONFIRMED TO MGBOKWERE THAT HEALTH UNIT SHOULD BE MOVED IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS, AT WHICH TIME FOUR-AND-A-HALF FLOORS OF MOLONEY ANNEX WOULD HAVE BEEN VACATED BY U.S.; MINED COULD BEGIN TO MOVE IN AUGUST 22. MGBOKWERE WAS VERY PLEASED, SAID HE HAD RECEIVED WORRIED LETTER FROM MINED AND NOW COULD GIVE THEN A GOOD, POSITIVE ANSWER.

3. MGBOKWERE SAID HE HAD REPORTED TO PERMSEC IYALLA, WHO HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO MOVE ON THE RENT-FREE ISSUE BECAUSE OF HIR ABSENCE AT KAMPALA AND THE EVENTS OF LAST WEEK. MGBOKWERE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT U.S. INTEREST IN THIS IS ON RECORD AND WILL BE KEPT IN MIND. CHARGE SAID DOVE-EDWIO HAD SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO WRITE A NOTE ON THE SUBJECT AND CHARGE WAS CONSIDERING DOING THAT. CHARGE ASKED IF IT WOULD HELP FOR HIM TO SEE IYALLA. MGBOKWERE SAID LATTER WAS VERY BUSY AND IT WOULD BE BETTER TO COME BACK IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, BY WHICH TIME THINGS MIGHT HAVE SETTLED DOWN SOMEWHAT.

4. REGARDING OKOTIE-EBOH, MGBOKWERE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE PREPARATIONS WERE MOVING ALONG WELL. CHARGE AGREED WITH RESPECT TO ELECTRICITY BUT SAID P&T HAD ESTIMATED TWO TO THREE MONTHS' DELAY IN ESTABLISHING PHONE SERVICE AND WE WERE THEREFORE CONSIDERING GOING TO UHF, WHICH WOULD NOT REQUIRE ANY ACTION ON PART OF P&T. MGBOKWERE WAS SUHRISED AND SAID HE HAD JUST BEEN TOLD P&T HAD COMMENCED LAYING THE PHONE CABLE, HAD BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF FLOODING, BUT SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN TWO TO THREE WEEKS. WE WILL BOTH CHECK.

5. MGBOKWERE ASKED IF MISSION WAS READY TO MOVE INTO OKOTIE-EBOH. CHARGE SAID PLANS ARE ALL READY AND WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE AS SOON AS PHONES AND POWER ARE IN. MGBOKWERE SEEMED VERY PLEASED AND RELIEVED AT THIS, OBVIOUSLY HAVING FEARED SETTLEMENT OF THE RENTAL ISSUE MIGHT BE MADE A PRIOR CONDITION TO MOVING. HE ASKED IF WE WERE GOING TO TAKE PARTITIONS FROM MOLONEY STREET, AND CHARGE SAID WE WOULD TO THE EXTENT THAT WE COULD USE THEM IN THE NEW QUARTERS.

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6. MGBOKWERE FINISHED WITH STATEMENT THAT HE WAS VERY GLAD CHARGE HAD COME; ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS A GREAT HELP; WE WERE OBVIOUSLY ON THE SAME WAVE LENGTH.

7. COMMENT: TO COMPLETE THE RECORD ON THE RENT-FREE ISSUE, WE WILL, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, TRY TO CATCH DOVE-EDWIN AT HOME AUGUST 8 OR 9 TO SHOW HIM DRAFT NOTE, AS SUGGESTED LAGOS 7385, CAST IN TERMS

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